

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace the second full paragraph at page 13 with the following amended paragraph:**

As one embodiment, the roll support member 3 shown in FIG. 5 has the cylindrical insertion portion 20 having the extremity thereof open and a wall 23 provided therein parallel to the flange portion 30. It is preferable to provide a required number of ~~notches~~slits 24 at the extremity of the insertion portion 20. Providing the ~~notches~~slits 24 enables the stacking properties when the roll support members are stacked to be improved. This is explained further with reference to FIG. 7.

**Please replace the first full paragraph at page 17 with the following amended paragraph:**

In the present invention, as shown in FIG. 7, it is preferable to provide ~~slits~~indentations in the radial ribs 53 and the radial ribs 55, which are connected to the outer peripheral side of the flange portion. In FIG. 7, the ~~slits~~indentations 58 are ~~slits~~indentations provided in the radial ribs 53 and the radial ribs 55, which provide a connection between the outer peripheral side 37 of the flange portion 30 and the third circular rib 54. It is preferable for edges of the ~~slits~~indentations 58 provided in the radial ribs 53 and 55 to be rounded.

**Please replace the fourth full paragraph at page 17 with the following amended paragraph:**

In FIG. 7, the ~~notches~~slits 24 at the extremity of the insertion portion 20 are provided at a position corresponding to the radial ribs 57, and when the roll support members 3 are stacked and stored, it is easy to carry out positioning for stacking, and it is effective in improving the

stacking properties. FIG. 9 shows a schematic perspective view when the roll support members as one embodiment of the present invention are stacked together.

**Please replace the second full paragraph at page 18 with the following amended paragraph:**

In the same way as in the case when the extremity of the insertion portion is open, in the case in which extremity of the insertion portion is closed, ~~notches-slits~~ 24 can be provided in the outer periphery of the extremity of the insertion portion. The ~~notches-slits~~ are preferably provided at positions where they can be engaged with the radial ribs 57.

**Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 23-24 with the following amended paragraphs:**

The roll support members of the present invention can be stacked concentrically with high precision by engagement of the ~~notch-slit~~ 24 at the extremity of the insertion portion 20 with the ribs 57. The hole 41 of the flange portion 30 is positioned with a predetermined relationship relative to the oval of the first circular rib 51. It is therefore easy to detect the hole 41 of the flange portion 30 by detecting along the longitudinal direction of the oval of the first circular rib 51 from the side of the flange portion 30 at the top of the stack. For example, after detecting along the longitudinal direction of the oval by an image scanner, the position of the hole 41 of the flange portion 30 is detected, thus allowing the information to be read off automatically. Furthermore, after attaching a jig to the oval of the first circular rib 51 and detecting along the longitudinal direction, the hole 41 of the flange portion 30 can also be detected.